

# THAT THOU MAYEST LEARN TO FEAR THE LORD...

Deu 14:22-23

Purpose of tithe? Deu 14:22-23 .... **mayest learn to fear the LORD...**

Eccl 12:13

Definition: ISBE...an affectionate reverence by which the child of God bends himself humbly and carefully to his father's law.

A feeling of reverent regard for God tempered with awe and fear of punishment of disobedience.

Psa 19:9 ... *clean, enduring for ever:*

Psa 111:10 ... *beginning of wisdom: ...*

Prov 1:7 ... *beginning of knowledge:*

Prov 8:13 ... *to hate evil:*

Prov 15:33 ... *the instruction of wisdom...*

- A. God teach me. Psalm 25:12
  - B. Experience goodness of God Psalms 31:19
  - C. Accomplish more each day Proverbs 10:27
  - D. Experience His mercy. Luke 1:50
  - E. Fellowship with God. Acts 10:35
  - F. Open door to learning & accessibility to knowledge. Proverbs 1:7
  - G. I will have wisdom. Proverb 9:10 Job 28:28
  - H. I will have good health. Proverbs 14:27
  - I. God will be pleased with me. Psalms 147:11
  - J. I will experience real happiness. Psalms 128:1
  - K. All my needs will be supplied. Psalms 34:9
  - L. I will have divine protection. Psalms 34:7
  - M. I will experience victory over sin. Proverbs 16:6 Proverbs 8:13
- God defines wicked: Psa 36:1 ... *no fear of God before his eyes.*

Consequences of no fear of God: Reap what sow. Prov 1:29-31

Tithing a major stepping stone/hurdle in person's spiritual growth!

**Person who refuses to trust God with tithe has problem fearing God.**

Mal 3:8-9

Curse: judgment resulting in damage or injury to person or thing.

This situation: curse--famine and scarcity. Hag 1:10,11

Mt. Henry: *Those that deny God His part of their estates may justly expect a curse upon their own part of them.*

When curse came they lost all financial & material stability.

Solution: Mal 3:10 *Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, ...*

People

1. Not at all
2. Not fully
3. Not of their best

Mt. Henry: *Bring in the full tithes to the utmost that God requires that there may be meat in my house for those that serve at the altar, whether there be meat in your houses or not!*

Storehouse: Nickname for temple or synagogue. Actually located in temple NT- Storehouse the local church (Acts 6).

*Prove me now herewith:* Put me to the test; investigate me; try me; give me a chance to show myself all powerful to you.

Man's reasoning: Let God provide my needs first and then I will tithe.

God's Point of View: Bring all tithes of present and past and try me, whether I will not then restore to you plentifully.

Illustration--widow woman of Zarephath. 1 Ki 17:13-16 ... make me thereof a little cake first.

Hag 2:8 *The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.*

2 Sam 24:24 *...neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing.*

**Very seldom hear of wealthy person beginning to tithe.**

Mal 3:11 *Devourer:* That which will burn up, eat up, or consume your materials.

God saying, *"I will stop the progress of the little animals, insects, and elements that are destroying your land and fruits."*

## So What?

Bigger picture? Committed to fearing God?

Realize:

Tithing an illustration of fear of God?

As learn to tithe you are learning to fear God?

Withholding tithe means robbing God?

What is tithe? At least 10%

Do you believe Prov 3:9,10

When pay tithe? First day of the week. 1 Cor 16:1,2

Where pay tithe? Storehouse---local church, general fund.

Should I tithe if in debt? Tithe your way out of debt.

Should wife tithe if husband says no? No! God will hold him accountable for his disobedience.

Should the husband tithe if his wife does not want him to

Eph. 5 He is the head of the home. He should take leadership

What not tithed for years? Clear conscience. Tithe now.

Consequences of not tithing? Devourer

Purpose of the tithe?

Practically: support ministry of local church.

Theologically: teach God's people to fear Him

Reasons why not tithe

1. Ignorance:
2. Misunderstanding
3. Willful disobedience—lack of fear of God